

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street
Chicago, IL 60611



Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 18, 2008

10:00 AM

Board Room

Board of Commissioners

*Commissioner Frank Avila, Commissioner Patricia Horton, Chairman of Finance
Gloria Alitto Majewski, Commissioner Barbara J. McGowan, Vice-President Kathleen
Therese Meany, Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos, Commissioner Debra Shore,
Commissioner Patricia Young, President Terrence J. O'Brien*

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL GOVERN THE MEETING PROCESS:

- 1. Board Members who vote "Nay, Present, or Abstain" or have a question on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**
- 2. Citizens in the audience who address the Board on any item may request the item be removed from the Consent Agenda.**
- 3. Items removed from the Consent Agenda are considered separately.**
- 4. One roll call vote is taken to cover all Consent Agenda Items.**

Call to Order

President O' Brien presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: 9 - Frank Avila; Patricia Horton; Gloria Alitto Majewski; Barbara J. McGowan; Kathleen Therese Meany; Cynthia M. Santos; Debra Shore; Patricia Young; and Terrence J. O'Brien

Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Kathleen Therese Meany, that the minutes from the last meeting be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes
- No nays

Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners

At 11:35 a.m. President O'Brien reconvened the regular board meeting to order

Finance Committee**Report**

- 1 [08-1933](#) Report on investments purchased during August 2008

 Published and Filed
- 2 [08-1934](#) Report on the investment interest income during August 2008

 Published and Filed

Authorization

- 3 [08-1904](#) Authority to Transfer \$7,000,000.00 Earned Investment Interest Income from the Capital Improvement Bond Fund to the Corporate Fund, Pursuant to Provisions of 70 ILCS 2605/5.9

 Approved
- 4 [08-1905](#) Authority to Transfer \$7,000,000.00 from the Corporate Fund to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retiree Health Care Trust (101-25000-601250)

 Approved
- 5 [08-1941](#) Authority to transfer 2008 departmental appropriations in the amount of \$711,500.00 in the Corporate Fund

 Approved

Purchasing Committee

Report

- 6 [08-1967](#) Report on the correction of a typographical error in the board transmittal letter for issue purchase order for Contract 08-622-11 Furnish, Deliver and Install Replacement Radio Equipment, to Comlink Technologies, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$53,652.49, Account 101-69000-623850, Requisition 1237014

Published and Filed

- 7 [08-1977](#) Report of bid opening of Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Published and Filed

Authorization

- 8 [08-1939](#) Authorization to amend the board transmittal letter for Issue a Purchase Order for to the Illinois Institute of Technology, under the Illinois Institute of Technology Master Agreement, to conduct a review of the odor monitoring program and identify odor control technology for each treatment process at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$794,200.00, Account 101-66000-601170, Requisition 1247996

Approved

- 9 [08-1959](#) Authorization to enter into a joint funding agreement with the United States Department of the Interior- U.S. Geological Survey for the maintenance and operation of eight streamflow gaging stations within Cook County, Illinois in an amount not to exceed \$66,405.00, Account 501-50000-612490

Approved

Authority to Advertise

- 10 [08-1940](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-837-11 Maintaining BOD and Ammonia Analyzer Systems at the Calumet and Lemont Water Reclamation Plants, estimated cost \$127,200.00, Account 101-68000-612650, Requisition 1250445

Approved

- 11 [08-1942](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-917-11 Demolition of Abandoned Piping at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost \$250,000.00, Account 101-69000-612650, Requisition 1251657

Approved

- 12 [08-1944](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-114-11 Furnish and Deliver Radiochemical Analyses of Water, Wastewater, Sludge and Biosolids Samples, estimated cost \$165,712.00, Account 101-16000-634970, Requisition 1245112
Approved
- 13 [08-1949](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-009-11 Furnish and Deliver Cloths, Paper Towels, and Toilet Tissue to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$116,000.00, Account 101-20000-623660
Approved
- 14 [08-1950](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-440-11 Hazardous Materials Cleanup and Emergency Response, estimated cost \$150,000.00, Account 101-15000-612520, Requisition 1253649
Approved
- 15 [08-1951](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-695-11 Services of Tractor Mounted Paddle Aerators with Operators for Material Handling at the Lawndale Avenue Solids Management Area and the Calumet Solids Management Area, estimated cost \$420,000.00, Account 101-66000-612250, Requisitions 1252909 and 1252087
Approved
- 16 [08-1952](#) Authority to advertise Contract 09-693-11 Use of a Sanitary Landfill Site, estimated cost \$118,000.00, Account 101-66000-612520, Requisitions 1252086, 1252917
Approved
- 17 [08-1957](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-053-11, Furnish and Deliver Lamps for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$85,000.00, Account 101-20000-623070
Approved
- 18 [08-1970](#) Authority to advertise Contract 08-032-11 Furnish and Deliver Coveralls, Rainwear and Boots to Various Locations for a One (1) Year Period, estimated cost \$62,000.00, Account 101-20000-623700
Approved

Issue Purchase Order

- 19 [08-1961](#) Issue purchase order to Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. to Furnish and Deliver ESRI GIS Software Maintenance Licenses, in an amount not to exceed \$42,400.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1252948
Approved

- 20 [08-1965](#) Issue purchase order to SAP Public Services, Inc., to Furnish and Deliver SAP Software Maintenance, in an amount not to exceed \$250,453.42, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1253616

Approved

- 21 [08-1968](#) Issue purchase order for Contract 08-048-14 Furnish and Deliver Lab Coats, Smocks and Coveralls to Various Locations for a Two (2)Year Period, to G&K Services, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$30,229.60, Account 101-16000-612490, Requisition 1254284

Approved

- 22 [08-1969](#) Issue purchase orders to Antel Corporation, to Furnish and Deliver Replacement Parts for Endress and Hauser Instruments, in an amount not to exceed \$126,850.30, Accounts 101-67000, 69000-623070, Requisitions 1247955 and 1249382

Approved

- 23 [08-1987](#) Issue purchase order with Risk Management Resources, Inc. for Excess Marine Liability Insurance in an amount not to exceed \$18,810.00, Account 101-30000-612290, Requisition 2353018

Approved

Award Contract

- 24 [08-1966](#) Authority to award Contract 08-979-11 Application of Epoxy Floor Coating at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, to Artlow Systems, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$44,935.00, Account 101-69000-612680, Requisition 1241713

Approved

- 25 [08-1975](#) Authority to award Contract 08-716-12 Services to Maintain and Load Test Emergency Generators in the North Side Service Area, to Steiner Electric Company, in an amount not to exceed \$59,920.00, Account 101-67000-612650, Requisition 1225630, *As Revised*

Deferred by Patricia Young

- 26 [08-1983](#) Authority to award Contract 08-820-11 Rehabilitation of One 48" X 48" Rotating Assembly for the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to Ecker-Erhardt Co., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$49,190.00, Account 101-68000-612600, Requisition 1244521

Approved

Increase Purchase Order/Change Order

- 27 [08-1953](#) Authority to increase Contract 93-232-2M, Hydraulic Improvements at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant with IHC Construction/FHP Tectonics, Joint Venture, in an amount of \$41,693.67, from an amount of \$120,528,583.57 to an amount not to exceed \$120,570,277.24, Accounts 401-50000-645650 and 645750, Purchase Order 5000623
Approved
- 28 [08-1954](#) Authority to increase Contract 04-825-3M, Install New Blower No. 2 at SWRP and Replace Blower Nos. 1 and 7 at NSWRP, to Meccon Industries, Inc., in an amount of \$137,985.00, from an amount of \$5,201,897.29 to an amount not to exceed \$5,339,882.29, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5000577
Approved
- 29 [08-1955](#) Authority to increase Contract 00-473-1D (Re-bid) Replace Casework, Fume Hoods, and Miscellaneous Work, John E. Egan WRP to IHC/KED, a Joint Venture, in an amount of \$22,723.67, from an amount of \$7,335,601.41 to an amount not to exceed \$7,358,325.08, Accounts 101-50000-612680, 201-50000-645680, and 401-50000-645780, Purchase Order 5000624
Approved
- 30 [08-1958](#) Authority to decrease Contract 06-635-11 Furnishing and Delivering Polymer to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to Polydyne, Inc., in an amount of \$110,982.90, from an amount of \$718,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$607,017.10, Account 101-68000-623560, Purchase Order 5000561
Approved
- 31 [08-1960](#) Authority to increase Contract 03-296-3M Installation of Central Boiler Facility at Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to IHC Construction Companies, LLC, in an amount of \$228,840.78, from an amount of \$27,715,554.67 to an amount not to exceed \$27,944,395.45, Account 401-50000-645650, Purchase Order 5000458
Approved
- 32 [08-1973](#) Authority to decrease Contract 04-294-3M Calumet TARP Valve Isolation and Pump Station Improvements, Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, to Kenny Construction Company, in an amount of \$50,174.66, from an amount of \$59,527,671.22 to an amount not to exceed \$59,477,496.56, Account 401-50000-645600, Purchase Order 5000309
Approved

- 33 [08-1984](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend agreement for Schwartz Cooper Greenberger & Krauss to represent the District in a lawsuit and appeal involving the District's interest in the alley adjacent to its Main Office Building (100 East Erie Street) in an amount of \$200,000.00, from an amount of \$160,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$360,000.00, Account 101-30000-61170, Purchase Order 3037852

Approved

- 34 [08-1985](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend agreement for Schwartz Cooper Greenberger & Krauss to provide legal representation to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago in the matter of Tri-River Docks, Inc. v. Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Case Number 05 L 007390 in an amount of \$100,000.00, from an amount of \$80,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$180,000.00, Account 101-30000-601170, Purchase Order 3036482

Approved

- 35 [08-1986](#) Authority to increase purchase order and amend agreement with Deutsch, Levy & Engel, Chartered, Attorneys, for legal services to continue to represent the District in pursuing environmental remediation of vacant property located in Lockport, Will County, Illinois; Main Channel Parcel 14.03 and to represent the District with respect to environmental issues related to the sale of Parcels 16.01, 16.02, 16.05, and 16.03 to the City of Lockport in an amount of \$75,000.00 from an amount of \$25,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, Account 101-30000-601170, Purchase Order 3047153

Approved

Affirmative Action Committee

Report

- 36 [08-1982](#) Report on Final Resolution and Release of Global Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release for FH Paschen, Affirmative Action Show Cause Matter, Contract Nos. 01-197-2D; 98-514-2V; 02-293-3P

Published and Filed

Engineering Committee

Authorization

- 37 [08-1962](#) Authority to enter into extraterritorial service agreement with the City of Chicago for an area of O'Hare International Airport in DuPage County, outside the territorial limits of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Deleted by the General Superintendent

Judiciary Committee

Report

- 38 [08-1963](#) The Attorney reports on the Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims and Case
Published and Filed

Authorization

- 39 [08-1931](#) Authority to pay the Award in the Workers' Compensation Claim of Nathaniel Brown vs. MWRDGC, 07WC 40012, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission in the sum of \$49,091.84. Account 901-30000-601090
Approved

Pension, Personnel Relations & Civil Service Committee

Authorization

- 40 [08-1937](#) Request for Policy Direction for continued District participation in the "Power Lunch" Program of Working in the Schools
Gloria Alitto Majewski, motioned to continue the Power Lunch Program, Kathleen Therese Meany seconded
Approved

Real Estate Development Committee

Authorization

- 41 [08-1943](#) Authority to issue a 90-day permit extension to the Village of Wilmette for the use of 0.38 acres and 0.17 acres of District land located near 831 Sheridan Road along part of the east bank and the west bank of the North Shore Channel, respectively, also known as part of North Shore Channel Atlas Parcel Number 1.01 and Parcel 1.05, respectively, to complete restoration of the access drive and landscaping, consideration shall be \$10.00
Approved

Research & Development Committee

Authorization

- 42 [08-1935](#) Authority to Establish the Safer Detergents Stewardship Initiative
Approved

State Legislation & Rules Committee

Report

- 43 [08-1964](#) Report to the Board of Commissioners on the Governor's Actions
- Published and Filed

Miscellaneous and New Business

Memorial Resolution

- 44 [08-1988](#) MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of Mary Ellen Wiggins
- A motion was made by Debra Shore, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that this Memorial Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

Additional Agenda Items

- 45 [08-1921](#) Report on the correction of a typographical error in the board transmittal letter for authority to issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with Kofax Image Products, Inc., for Kofax Network Fax Software Maintenance, in an amount not to exceed \$32,367.00, Account 101-27000-612820, Requisition 1236574
- Published and Filed
- 46 [08-2004](#) Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement for Contract 07-RFP-27 Farm Management Support Services, with Heartland Bank and Trust Company, in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00, Account 101-68000-601170, Requisition 1233510
- Approved

Approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items: 25, 37 and 44

A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Debra Shore, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 9 - Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Barbara J. McGowan, Kathleen Therese Meany, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Patricia Young, Terrence J. O'Brien

Meeting Summary

Speakers

Bill Bertera, Executive Director of the Water Environment Federation, Ken Kirk, Executive Director of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies and Jim Hanlon, Director of the Office of Wastewater Management, presented the National Biosolids Partnership Environmental Management System certification certificate to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation of Greater Chicago

John Coletti, Region V-EPA extended his congratulations to the District in receiving the NBP EMS Certification

George Blakemore, a private citizen, addressed the Board regarding affirmative action issue in hiring

Summary of Requests

Patricia Young requested to the General Superintendent that we encourage our employees at the MWRD to follow green initiatives (Re: Research and Development item #42)

Frank Avila requested a report from Heartland Bank and Trust Company on their experience in organic farming (Re: Miscellaneous & New Business Item #46)

Barbara J. McGowan requested status on the Targeted Market Program

Frank Avila questioned the impact of the current Financial Market issues on the Pension Fund's Portfolio

Patricia Young requested a certificate of appreciation to all those employees who worked during the storms

Gloria Alitto Majewski requested a Memorial Resolution be prepared for Anna LangFord

Study Session

A Study Session on Stormwater Management is scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2008, immediately following the Regular Board Meeting. The purpose of the Study Session is to discuss detailed Watershed Planning status including inundation mapping, Draft Watershed Management Ordinance status, the future of drainage districts, the Stormwater Management Fund and five-year forecast.

Announcements**Board Letter Submission Dates**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2008, please prepare and submit Board items before the following absolute cutoff dates.

Date agenda items are due to the Purchasing Agent for signature and preparation: September 22, 2008

Date Board letters are due to the General Superintendent: 1:00 p.m., September 25, 2008

Adjournment

A motion was made by Patricia Horton, seconded by Gloria Alitto Majewski, that when the Board adjourns it adjourns to meet on Thursday, October 2, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. and that today's meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

/s/ Jacqueline Torres
Clerk

APPROVAL:

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this September 18, 2008, are hereby approved.

APPROVED:

/s/ Terrence J. O'Brien
President Board of Commissioners of the
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

September 18, 2008